

**From the Office of the Chief Information Officer
COVID-19 fake text messages**

Sept. 29, 2021

Throughout the pandemic, cyber criminals have been using COVID-19 to trick people into clicking on phishing emails. The latest scam is fake text messages about COVID-19 guideline changes and appointments for a third vaccine.

If you receive a message like this, or promising COVID 19 information, DO NOT click on the link provided. This will install malware on your device allowing criminals to steal your information or hijack your phone to spy on you.

As always, never open emails or text messages from someone you don't know. Never click on attachments or links from someone you don't know.

Cyber criminals will continue to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay vigilant.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Tim Calvert, 506-227-1055 or Tim.Calvert@HorizonNB.ca.